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F I E L D N O T E S

MAY 21, 1963

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B., WATERVILLE MAY 4:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: FISHING WAS GETTING GOOD UNTIL THE HEAVY RAIN, AFTER WHICH THE FISH DIDN'T BITE SO WELL. SEVERAL SALMON HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT DAMARISCOTTA LAKE IN NOBLEBORO. PEOPLE ARE CATCHING A LOT OF BROWN TROUT IN PONDS STOCKED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. A FEW YEARS AGO, THEY WERE CURSING THE BROWNS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T CATCH THEM AND WOULDN'T TRY TOO HARD, BUT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GOING BROWN TROUT FISHING THAN FOR ANY OTHER KIND OF FISH. PEMAQUID, KALER, BISCAY, AND LITTLE MEDOMAK PONDS -- ALL IN NOBLEBORO AND WALDOBORO -- SEEM TO BE HOT SPOTS FOR BROWNS.

WATER IS STILL HIGH IN BROOKS AND RIVERS, AND THE PONDS AND LAKES ARE STILL THE HIGHEST SEEN FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. PEOPLE ARE SEEING A LOT OF DEER AT SUNSET IN THE GREEN FIELDS.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: DOG TROUBLES HAVE SLOWED DOWN. FISHING HAS BEEN SLOW. I HAVE NOTICED AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF DUCKS AND GEESE.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE: LONG POND HAS PRODUCED QUITE A FEW SALMON AS WELL AS GREAT POND, MOSTLY IN THE THREE POUND CLASS. BROOKS HAVE BEEN VERY SLOW. DEER ARE SHOWING UP WELL ALL OVER THE DISTRICT.

MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 1

WARDEN BILL GORDON, EDGECOMB: GOOD BROWN TROUT CATCHES HAVE BEEN MADE AT KNICKERBOCKER POND IN BOOTHBAY. FISHING IS SLOW IN THIS AREA, NOT MANY ANGLERS OUT, BELIEVED DUE TO COLD WEATHER. GEESE ARE COMMENCING TO LEAVE THE COASTAL AREA, BOUND FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY. BLACK DUCKS APPEAR TO BE MORE PLentiful IN THIS AREA THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. STILL A FEW DOG COMPLAINTS.

WARDEN LYLE FROST, LEWISTON: SEVERAL LARGE BROWN TROUT WEIGHING BETWEEN NINE AND 12 POUNDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM LAKE AUBURN, AND SABBATHDAY LAKE IN NEW GLOUCESTER HAS PRODUCED GOOD FISHING FOR BROWNS UP TO 18 INCHES. STREAM FISHING FOR TROUT HAS BEEN BETTER THAN EARLY SPRING OF LAST YEAR. I HAVE SEEN MORE MALLARD DUCKS AND MOURNING DOVES THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE.

WARDEN CECIL BEANE, BATH: VERY FEW FISHERMEN ARE OUT AT THIS TIME -- PROBABLY WAITING FOR THE BROOKS TO BE STOCKED.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: BOATING IS GETTING INTO FULL SWING. A LOT OF FISHERMEN ARE TRYING THEIR LUCK AT MESSALONSKEE LAKE, WITH QUITE A FEW SALMON 13 TO 15 INCHES SHOWING UP, AND A FEW TWO-AND-ONE-HALF TO THREE- AND-ONE-HALF POUNDERS BEING TAKEN. A FEW MORE WARM DAYS SHOULD BRING ABOUT SOME GOOD WHITE PERCH FISHING OFF THE SHORES. STILL GETTING A FEW DOG COMPLAINTS.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: THE RECLAIMED PONDS ARE NOT PRODUCING NEARLY AS WELL AS PREVIOUS YEARS, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE LATER OPENING DATE. SALMON ARE HITTING GOOD ON GREAT AND LONG PONDS. NOT MUCH DOING YET AT PARKER POND. ACTIVITY IS VERY SLOW.

WARDEN CHARLES TUTTLE, RICHMOND: ON MAY 4 AT RICHMOND I SAW A GROUSE NEST WITH NINE EGGS. MAY 3, I OBSERVED AN AMERICAN EGRET IN A FIELD OFF RT. 197 IN RICHMOND.

MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 2

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: THE WHITE PERCH RUN CONTINUES AT COBBOSSEE, AND MOST FISH ARE SMALL; THE RUN IS NOT AS HEAVY AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS. SOME BASS ARE BEING CAUGHT; ALSO REPORTS OF SMALL SALMON BEING TAKEN AT MARANACOOK LAKE. MOOSE ARE NUMEROUS IN THE DISTRICT. I BELIEVE THE GROUSE WILL SHOW UP GOOD THIS YEAR. SEVERAL PAIRS OF DUCKS HAVE BEEN SEEN AROUND THE DISTRICT. THERE IS AN INCREASE IN BOATING ACTIVITY WITH MORE OUT FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR THAN LAST YEAR.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW, DIV. E, STRONG, MAY 11:

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: THE SMELT RUN AT INDIAN ROCK IS JUST ABOUT OVER. ONE NIGHT RECENTLY, WHILE WARDEN GRAY MORRISON AND I WERE WATCHING A SMELT BROOK, WE OBSERVED IN THE MOONLIGHT A SMELTING PARTY DIP THEIR LIMIT OF SMELT, AND THEN FILL ANOTHER PAIL AND PUT IT UNDER THE HOOD OF THEIR CAR. WE STOPPED THEM AS THEY WERE LEAVING AND ASKED TO LOOK UNDER THE HOOD, BUT THEY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE WANTED TO LOOK. THE SMELTS WERE RECOVERED FOR EVIDENCE.

ROBERT NICHOLS OF 41 BOUTELL AVE., WATERVILLE, CAUGHT AN EIGHT POUND TWO OUNCE LANDLOCKED SALMON ON MAY 12 IN RANGELEY LAKE ON A TROLLED STREAMER FLY. HE WAS ELIGIBLE AND JOINED THE "ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY CLUB."

INSPECTOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIXFIELD: SMELT RUNS IN THE DIVISION ARE ABOUT DONE FOR THE SEASON. RUNS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE DIVISION WERE BELOW NORMAL THIS YEAR. COLD WEATHER AND SNOW KEPT A LOT OF FISHERMEN TOASTING THEIR TOES THIS WEEK END.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: TROUT FISHING AT ABBOTT POND IN WOODSTOCK HAS BEEN GOOD, AVERAGING FROM SEVEN TO NINE INCHES IN LENGTH. SHAGG POND HAS BEEN SLOW WITH FISHERMEN CATCHING THE SEVEN TO EIGHT INCH SIZE. STREAM FISHING SLOW EXCEPT FOR STOCKED TROUT.

MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 3

WARDEN LEON AYER, FARMINGTON: WATER CONDITIONS ARE LOW FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. NOT MANY FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN TRYING THE BROOKS, AND VERY FEW FISH ARE BEING CAUGHT. CLEARWATER POND HAS GIVEN UP A COUPLE OF TOGUE IN THE FIVE TO SIX POUND CLASS; VARNUM POND IS PRODUCING SMALL SALMON AND SOME FISHERMEN HAVE TAKEN SOME GOOD TOGUE.

WARDEN GLENN SPEED, WELD: THE NIGHT OF MAY 10 AND MORNING OF THE 11TH WE HAD FROM EIGHT TO TWELVE INCHES OF SNOW FALL IN THIS AREA. THIS MADE IT VERY HARD FOR THE SONGBIRDS, BUT DUE TO THE KINDNESS OF A LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, THEY HAD GOOD FOOD. THE RESIDENTS SCRAPED OFF LARGE AREAS AND PUT OUT A LARGE AMOUNT OF FOOD FOR THEM. SOME OF THESE AREAS WOULD HAVE AROUND 1,000 BIRDS OF VARIOUS KINDS FEEDING IN THEM.

ON THE NIGHT OF MAY 10, I WORKED ON A NUISANCE BEAVER COMPLAINT IN WELD, AND WHILE WAITING AROUND FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS, I OBSERVED THREE MALE WOOD DUCKS AND ONE FEMALE IN THEIR COURTSHIP. IT IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT WILL ALWAYS REMAIN WITH ME. I HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN THEM IN THEIR COURTSHIP.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, MAY 12:

WARDEN JOHN LEATHERS, PLAISTED: SALMON ARE BITING FAIRLY WELL AT EAGLE AND ST. FROID LAKES, WITH ONLY A FEW REPORTS OF SHORT SALMON TAKEN. A FAIR AMOUNT OF SMELT ARE RUNNING AT GOZZ BROOK ON ST. FROID LAKE. I SAW A BULL MOOSE ACROSS THE LAKE FROM EAGLE LAKE VILLAGE RECENTLY. DEER ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW UP IN THE FIELDS AROUND EAGLE LAKE.

WARDEN DONIS WHEATON, CLAYTON LAKE: FISHING IS SLOW IN THIS DISTRICT DUE TO HIGH WATER AND COLD WEATHER. PARTRIDGE ARE EXCEPTIONALLY PLENTIFUL. I OBSERVED EIGHT BIRDS BETWEEN CLAYTON LAKE AND UMSASKIS. I SAW MY FIRST WOODCOCK OF THE YEAR ON MAY 1. DEER ARE SHOWING UP WELL. A PARTY OF THREE FISHERMEN HAD EXCELLENT FISHING AT ROSS LAKE MAY 10; THEIR CATCH CONSISTED OF ALL LAKE TROUT.

MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 4

SUPERVISOR COOPER: IN A FLIGHT OVER THE DIVISION MAY 11, WITH WARDEN PILOT DICK VARNEY, WE OBSERVED MORE SNOW IN SOME SECTIONS OF THE DIVISION THAN CAN TRULY BE IMAGINED. IN A 20-MILE AREA BETWEEN ESTCOURT AND ST. PAMPHILE, IT LOOKED JUST ABOUT AS IT DID IN MARCH. ANOTHER NOTED SECTION IS ALONG THE MUSQUACOOK STREAM BEFORE IT REACHES THE ALLAGASH.

THE SMELT RUN HAS BEEN VERY POOR AT CROSS LAKE THIS SPRING, AND THE RUN HAS NOT STARTED YET AT LONG LAKE.

TROUT AND SALMON FISHING HAS BEEN GOOD AT CROSS LAKE IN THE OPENINGS AT THE MOUTH OF THE MUD LAKE THOROUGHFARE AND AT THE HEAD OF THE LAKE. MR. AND MRS. FRANK GARCELON OF PRESQUE ISLE FISHED A FEW HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 9 AT CROSS LAKE AND HAD LOTS OF ACTION. MRS. GARCELON BOATED TWO FINE SALMON. NORMAN ST. PETER OF GUERETTE TOOK HIS LIMIT OF SALMON ON THE SAME DAY.

ALEX GUERETTE HAS ENJOYED FAST FISHING AT THE MOUTH OF MUD LAKE THOROUGHFARE. HE RECENTLY CAUGHT A THREE-AND-ONE-HALF-POUND TROUT.

ROGER PARADIS OF CROSS LAKE REPORTS THE SALMON ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION SINCE THE SMELT HAVE BEEN ON THE INCREASE THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS.